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1224. The Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies have so far remitted a sum of Rs. 2·45 lakhs to the Rural Industrial Financing Bank as surplus amount after retaining amounts for maintenance of staff.

Village Industries under the auspices of the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies.

1225. The work of the Rural Industrial Scheme is operated in close co-operation with the several All-India Boards constituted for the development of industries.

1226. The village industries sponsored by the All-India Khadi and Village Industries Commission were also taken up under the Rural Industrialisation Scheme.

1227. A sum of Rs. 5·20 lakhs was granted as loan and grant to the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies for starting village industries like (1) Manufacture of soap from non-edible oil, (2) Cottage Match Industries, (3) Hand Pounding of Rice, (4) Village Tanning, (5) Village Oil Industries, (6) Amber Charka and Khadi. These societies have already taken up the industries and some of the units have started production. So far, 55 Industrial Craft Co-operative Societies have been organised under this Scheme including 3 5 organised in the previous year.

Supply of Machinery on Hire Purchase Scheme.

1228. Under the scheme launched by the All-India Small Scale Industries Board for supply of machinery on hire purchase system, machinery worth Rs. 4,71,356 has been sanctioned and supplied by the Small Industries Corporation, Bombay, to 237 industrialists recommended by the Rural Industrial Co-operative Societies.

1229. The working of the Department, on the whole, was satisfactory during the year.

## (viii) Posts and Telegraphs.

Post Offices.

1230. The total number of post offices working in the State at the beginning of the year was 1,687. Twenty-three new post offices were opened during the year bringing the total at the end of the year to 1,710.

Telegraph Offices.

1231. The number of telegraph offices in the State at the beginning of the year was 202 and during the year eight new telegraph offices were opened thus bringing the total at the end of the year to 210.

Miscellaneous

**1232.** Seventy-two new letter boxes were planted in villages and thirteen Public Call Offices were opened in important places in the State during the year.

**1233.** The other facilities extended during the year were the introduction of Zonal number in Mysore City and Phonogram system at Nanjangud. Besides, additional Mail Motor Service was introduced from Mysore to Mercara.

## (ix) Labour,

Indian Trade Unions Act, 1946.

**1234.** The Commissioner of Labour continued to be the *ex-officio* Registrar of Trade Unions in Mysore, under the Indian Trade Unions Act, 1946.

**1235.** During the year, 339 (336) registered Trade Unions were in existence and 75 Trade Unions were registered making a total of 414 Trade Unions. Of these. 63 Trade Unions were either dissolved or cancelled and one was transferred from the State, leaving a balance of 350 Trade Unions at the close of the year.

**1236.** During the year, amendments to the constitutions of 23 Trade Unions were registered.

The Industrial Employment (Standing Orders) Act, 1946.

**1237.** According to Section 2 (c) of the Act, all industrial establishments which employ more than one hundred workers will have to file the Standing Orders for certification. As a result of this, 318 industrial concerns have come under the purview of this Act.

**1238.** So far as merged areas of Bombay are concerned, the settlement of the Standing Orders was governed under the Bombay Industrial Relations Act, and no Standing Order was either filed or certified under this Act during the year.

Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

**1239.** The Commissioner of Labour continued to be the Conciliation Officer for the entire State of Mysore under the provisions of this Act.

**1240.** Out of 485 disputes taken on file during the year, 417 were disposed of leaving 68 cases pending at the close of the year.

**1241.** An industrial truce agreement for three years in the tile industry was signed between the Western India Tile Manufacturers Association and Management of Tile